



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3435**  
Hirofumi NAKAMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_1464A  
Serial No. 10/591,751 : Group Art Unit 1632  
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**B-FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE VARIANTS : Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:


In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 8, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I (claims 1-12, drawn to a  $\beta$ -fructofuranosidase variant).

Applicants note that Group II is drawn to polynucleotide, recombinant vector and transformant of the  $\beta$ -fructofuranosidase variant of Group I and therefore respectfully request examination of this group as well.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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